

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

GD-18-016855

JOHN W. KLUBER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHELLE B. RELICH,

Defendant.

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) **COMPLAINT**
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) Filed on behalf of Plaintiff:
) JOHN KLUBER
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) Counsel of record for Plaintiff:
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COMPLAINT IN CIVIL ACTION

AND NOW Plaintiff John W. Kluber, through his counsel, Attisano & Romano, LLC, files this Complaint:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff John W. Kluber is an adult individual who resides at 4 Cliff Drive, Mineral Wells, Texas 76067.
2. Defendant Michelle B. Relich is an adult individual who resides at 507 Edgewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15218.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant because, at all relevant times, she has resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the actions out of which this action arises occurred in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
4. Venue is proper in this Court because the events that give rise to the causes of action set forth in this Complaint occurred in Allegheny County.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

5. Plaintiff and Defendant were previously involved in a romantic relationship.
6. On or about November 3, 2018, Plaintiff ended the relationship with Defendant.

7. On or about November 23, 2018, Defendant printed and mailed private text message communications and intimate photos of Plaintiff to the following recipients:

- a. Plaintiff's employer, Dana Augustine Inc.; and
- b. At least fifteen (15) of Plaintiff's clients—Kay Jewelers stores—located throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio.

8. On or about November 24, 2018, and thereafter, the recipients of said mailings notified Plaintiff of their receipt.

COUNT I – Unlawful Dissemination of Intimate Images (42 Pa.C.S. § 8316.1)

9. Paragraphs 1 through 8 are incorporated by reference.
10. Defendant unlawfully disseminated intimate images of Plaintiff.
11. Defendant mailed the aforementioned images with the intention of embarrassing Plaintiff, damaging his reputation, and causing him emotional and economic harm.
12. Defendant's actions have already caused Plaintiff irreparable harm and will continue to do so.
13. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff has suffered and will suffer damages as follows:

- a. Loss of personal and professional reputation;
- b. Anxiety, stress, and humiliation; and
- c. Economic harm.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff John W. Kluber respectfully requests that judgment be entered in his favor and against Defendant Michelle B. Relich in an amount in excess of \$35,000.00, treble damages, plus interest and costs, attorney's fees, and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II – Intentional Interference with Business Relations

14. Paragraphs 1 through 13 are incorporated by reference.

15. Defendant had knowledge of the business relationship between Plaintiff and his employer when she mailed the private text messages to Plaintiff's employer.

16. Defendant had knowledge of the business relationship between Plaintiff and his clients when she mailed the private text messages to Plaintiff's clients.

17. Defendant mailed the documents with the intention of harming Plaintiff's business relationships with both his employer and his clients.

18. Defendant had no privilege or justification with respect to the mailing of the private text messages to Plaintiff's employer and clients.

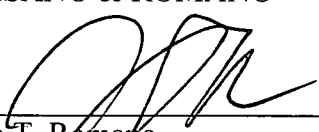
19. Plaintiff has sustained actual financial harm as a result of Defendant's conduct.

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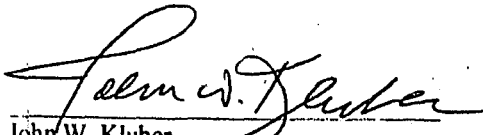
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VERIFICATION

I, John W. Kluber, have read the foregoing Complaint and verify that it is based upon information which I have furnished to counsel and information which has been gathered by counsel in the preparation of the Complaint and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. The language of the Complaint is that of counsel and not of Plaintiff. To the extent that the content of the Complaint is that of counsel, I have relied upon counsel in making this verification. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.


John W. Kluber

12-13-18
Date

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Date: 12/18/18

Submitted by: Justin T. Romano

Signature: 

Name: Justin T. Romano

Attorney No: 307879

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Court of Common Pleas Civil Cover Sheet



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Commencement of Action:

- ☒ Complaint
 ☐ Writ of Summons
 ☐ Petition
 ☐ Notice of Appeal
☐ Transfer from Another Jurisdiction
 ☐ Declaration of Taking

Lead Plaintiff's Name: John Klupar

Lead Defendant's Name: Michelle Relich

☐ Check here if you are a Self-Represented (Pro Se) Litigant

Name of Plaintiff/Appellant's Attorney: Justin T. Romano

Are money damages requested?: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Dollar Amount Requested: ☐ within arbitration limits
(Check one) ☒ outside arbitration limits

Is this a Class Action Suit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Nature of the Case: Place an "X" to the left of the ONE case category that most accurately describes your **PRIMARY CASE**. If you are making more than one type of claim, check the one that you consider most important:

TORT (do not include Mass Tort)

- ☐ Intentional
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MASS TORT

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☐ Employment Dispute: Other _____
☐ Other: _____

REAL PROPERTY

- ☐ Ejectment
☐ Eminent Domain/Condemnation
☐ Ground Rent
☐ Landlord/Tenant Dispute
☐ Mortgage Foreclosure
☐ Partition
☐ Quiet Title
☐ Other: _____

CIVIL APPEALS

- Administrative Agencies**
☐ Board of Assessment
☐ Board of Elections
☐ Dept. of Transportation
☐ Zoning Board
☐ Statutory Appeal: Other _____

Judicial Appeals

- ☐ MDJ - Landlord/Tenant
☐ MDJ - Money Judgment
☐ Other: _____

MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ Common Law/Statutory Arbitration
☐ Declaratory Judgment
☐ Mandamus
☐ Non-Domestic Relations Restraining Order
☐ Quo Warranto
☐ Replevin

☒ Other: Unlawful Dissemination